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Data for April 2006
(Preliminary)

Economic Growth Region 10

Please Note: The Indiana portion of the Louisville, KY-IN MSA has been changed. The new configuration includes Clark, Floyd, Harrison and Washington Counties. Information in this newsletter includes Claims information, information on job openings and Labor Force information for the whole of Economic Growth Region 10.

*INDIANA ECONOMIC GROWTH REGIONS

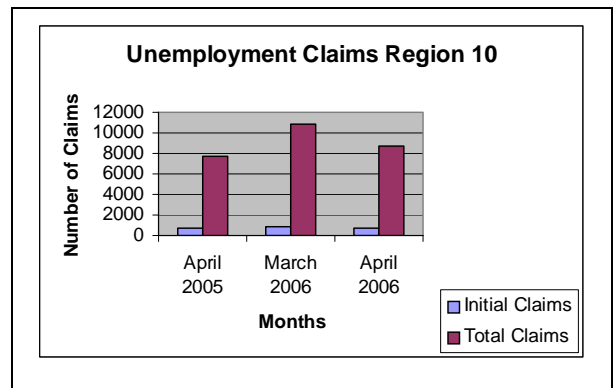
Indiana Workforce Development engaged Indiana Business Research Center to identify regions through a methodology that was both quantitative and qualitative in nature. As a result, eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions were formed.

The counties in the new Indiana Economic Growth Region 10 are Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, and Washington.

Beginning with the January 2006 data, the information in this newsletter will be only for the new Economic Growth Region 10.

Unemployment Compensation Claims The total number of unemployment compensation claims for April 2006 was 8,696 which represented a decline of 2,185 from the March 2006 figure of 10,881 and an increase of 1,046 from the April 2005 level. The following chart and graph show the comparisons for April and March 2006 and April 2005. These claims were filed through the New Albany Department of Workforce Development office.

	Initial Claims	Total Claims
Apr. 2005	711	7,650
Mar. 2006	820	10,881
Apr. 2006	715	8,696



**Job Openings April 2006
Indiana Economic Growth Region 10**

	Number	Average
	Of	Hourly
Occupational Title	Openings	Wage
Salespersons: Retail	15	7.50
Production Laborers	11	9.81
Battery Assemblers	10	14.62
Meat, Poultry & Fish: Cutters & Trimmers	10	8.75
Construction Carpenters	6	10.00
Production Helpers	6	7.00
Customer Service Reps – Utilities	5	8.75
General Office Clerks	5	8.00
Truck Drivers, Heavy	5	16.99
Automotive Master Mechanics	4	10.83
Cabinetmakers & Bench Carpenters	4	13.96
First Line Supervisors, Customer Service	4	21.95
Heating & Air Conditioning Mech. (HVAC)	4	8.00
License Clerks	4	9.00
Receptionists/ Information Clerks	4	9.00
Secretaries – Other	4	10.82



As of January 2006 the Job Openings information will be included for Economic Growth Region 10 only. As stated previously, this region includes Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott and Washington Counties.



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision-makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>. Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.



LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	TOTAL			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	LABOR	NUMBER	NUMBER	APR. 2006	MAR. 2006	APR. 2005
AREA	FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	Preliminary		Bench-marked
United States	150,209,000	143,405,000	6,804,000	4.5	4.8	4.7
Indiana	3,242,400	3,086,200	156,200	4.8	5.4	4.9
Clark County	53,780	51,140	2,640	4.9	5.3	5.0
Crawford County	5,530	5,160	370	6.7	8.6	6.6
Floyd County	37,820	36,020	1,800	4.8	5.4	5.0
Harrison County	19,530	18,530	1,000	5.1	6.1	5.5
Scott County	11,630	10,850	780	6.7	6.8	5.8
Washington County	14,330	13,410	920	6.4	7.4	5.4

Labor Force Data The Labor Force Data presented here is the most recent data available at the time this letter was prepared. The April 2006 data are preliminary data and April 2005 data are benchmarked data. Information for the United States, Indiana, and the counties that comprise Economic Growth Region 10 have been included.

As previously announced BLS had found errors in some of the employment inputs used in the sub-state estimates published earlier this year and decided to conduct a thorough review of all inputs. That review is now complete. The corrections to the data for January, February, and March 2005 had small to moderate impacts on employment and labor force levels and little impact on unemployment rates in most areas. The labor force, unemployment and unemployment rate data for 2004 presented in this release also reflects the corrections to the inputs.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY		
RANK – APR. 2006	COUNTY	APR. 2006 RATE
42	Clark	4.9
6	Crawford	6.7
49	Floyd	4.8
36	Harrison	5.1
8	Scott	6.7
11	Washington	6.4

Orange County ranked 1st with a rate of 8.0% and Hamilton County ranked 92nd with a rate of 2.8%.



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